

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BAPTISMS

Baptisms: April 19th at 1pm

Signup today if you'd like to get baptized. There will be a short

eKids! Child & Parent Class:

TODAY at 12:30pm.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30am beginning

March 18th

"A Gospel Primer"

Childcare available

WOMEN'S REDEEMED LIVES

March 28th, 11a-2p

Come hear two of our very own share their stories of God's Redemption in their lives.

Childcare is provided, but you must sign up.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd at 7pm & 8:30pm

Full children's programs for birth- elementary offered at 7pm

EASTER SERVICE

Saturday April 4th at 6pm

(Nursery care only)

Sunday April 5th at 8:15, 9:30 & 11am

(Full Children's programs)

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking. It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us (we must be out of this one by December 2016).

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot we may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate you can visit www.elementroots.org.

- The Element Team

CHURCHES
OF

REVELATION

TODAY'S VERSES:

Revelation 3:17

Revelation 3:14-22

Romans 12:1

MY NOTES:



07.LAODICEA

07. LAODICEA LUKEWARM VOMIT

CHURCHES OF REVELATION

For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked. - Revelation 3:17

For the next 3 weeks we are continuing on a journey through what is commonly called “Lent.” Lent, for Element, is a time of sober and thoughtful reflection of what is going on in our lives as God’s Spirit shines His light into the deepest parts of our hearts; This started taking place by walking through the 7 churches listed in Revelation chapters 2 & 3. Today we finally hit the last one in Laodicea.

What things make you want to vomit?

Laodicea sat between two cities; one with hot water, and the other with cold. Both of these cities produced good water, but the water source in Laodicea was terrible. It wasn’t hot or cold, it was lukewarm, reddish in color, and induced vomiting. Like the city’s water, the church was lukewarm and Jesus was on the verge of vomiting them out of his mouth

How would you recognize “lukewarm” in yourself?

How would you recognize “lukewarm” in a church?

Are you lukewarm, hot, or cold in your relationship with Jesus today?

Jesus calls us to be a passionate, zealous people who only desire one thing. This one thing is to bring joy to the heart of our Savior, to honor our Savior, to please our Savior, to bring joy to the heart of the one who gave himself for us. Soren Kirekegaard states, “Purity of heart is to will one thing.”

What do you think of when you think of a zealous person?

In what areas of your life do you lean toward self-sufficiency instead of looking to Christ’s sufficiency?

Today we often equate zeal with being fanatical. When I think of a fanatic, images of incredibly offensive people pop into my head; people who are passionate and hot headed. Our culture often tells us that being a fanatic is bad, but in reality the problem with a fanatic for Jesus is they’re not fanatical enough. They’re fanatically like Jesus in

some ways, but not in most ways.

- They’re not fanatically sensitive, like Jesus.
- They’re not fanatically loving, like Jesus.
- They’re not fanatically self-sacrificing, like Jesus.
- They’re not fanatically humble, like Jesus.
- They’re not fanatically wise, like Jesus.

What does a true fanatic of Christ look like?

If you’re around somebody who’s totally sold out for Jesus, they make you feel welcomed and loved, they care about you; they’re like Jesus. The prostitutes liked him AND the little children liked him. The zeal of the early Christians was the secret of living on mission. It was not just an option, it was Christianity. Jesus says, “When I don’t see it in you, you turn my stomach.” That’s pretty strong words.

Do you say you believe in the ethical teachings of Jesus, but you don’t want to go overboard?

There are essentially 3 types of people today:

1. There are the people who are thoroughly committed to Jesus.
2. There are the people who reject and are hostile to Jesus.
3. There are the people who are “sort of” religious and they “believe” in Jesus, attend church services, but there’s nothing remarkable about their lives at all.

The only person who has not come to grips with the reality of the Gospel are those who sit in position 3.

Do you understand the gospel?

Can you explain it as you understand it?

Are you in position 1, 2, or 3?

Jesus does not just want us to have an intellectual understanding of what He did for us, He wants us to live on mission, He wants us to serve, He wants us hot or cold (both are blessings).

Many believers have lost that...how and where have you lost sight of the mission?